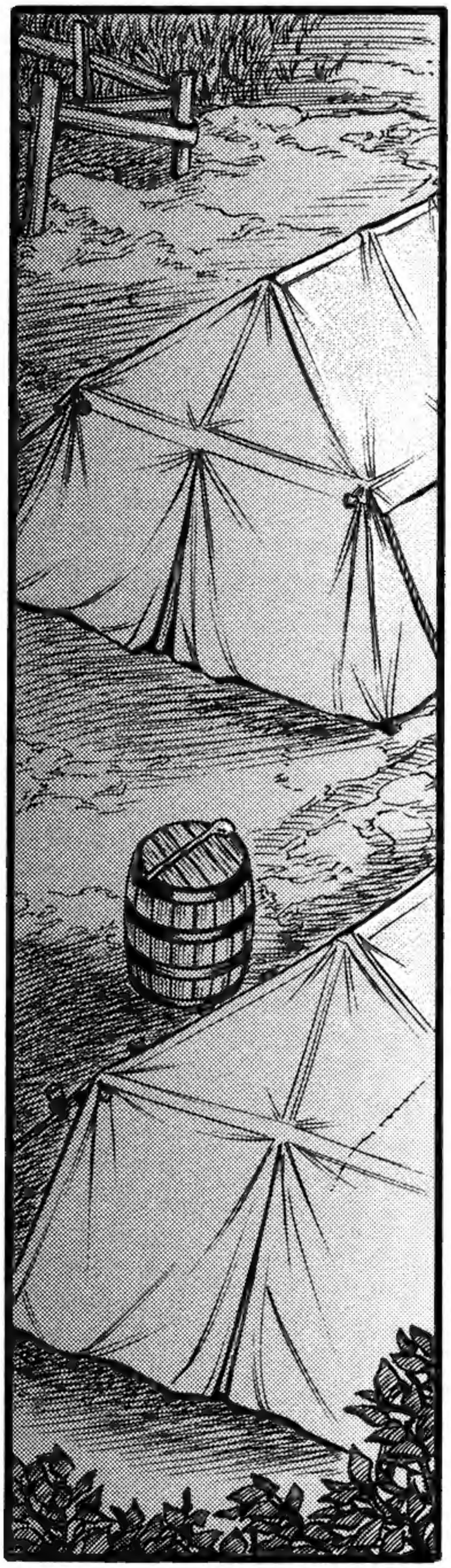
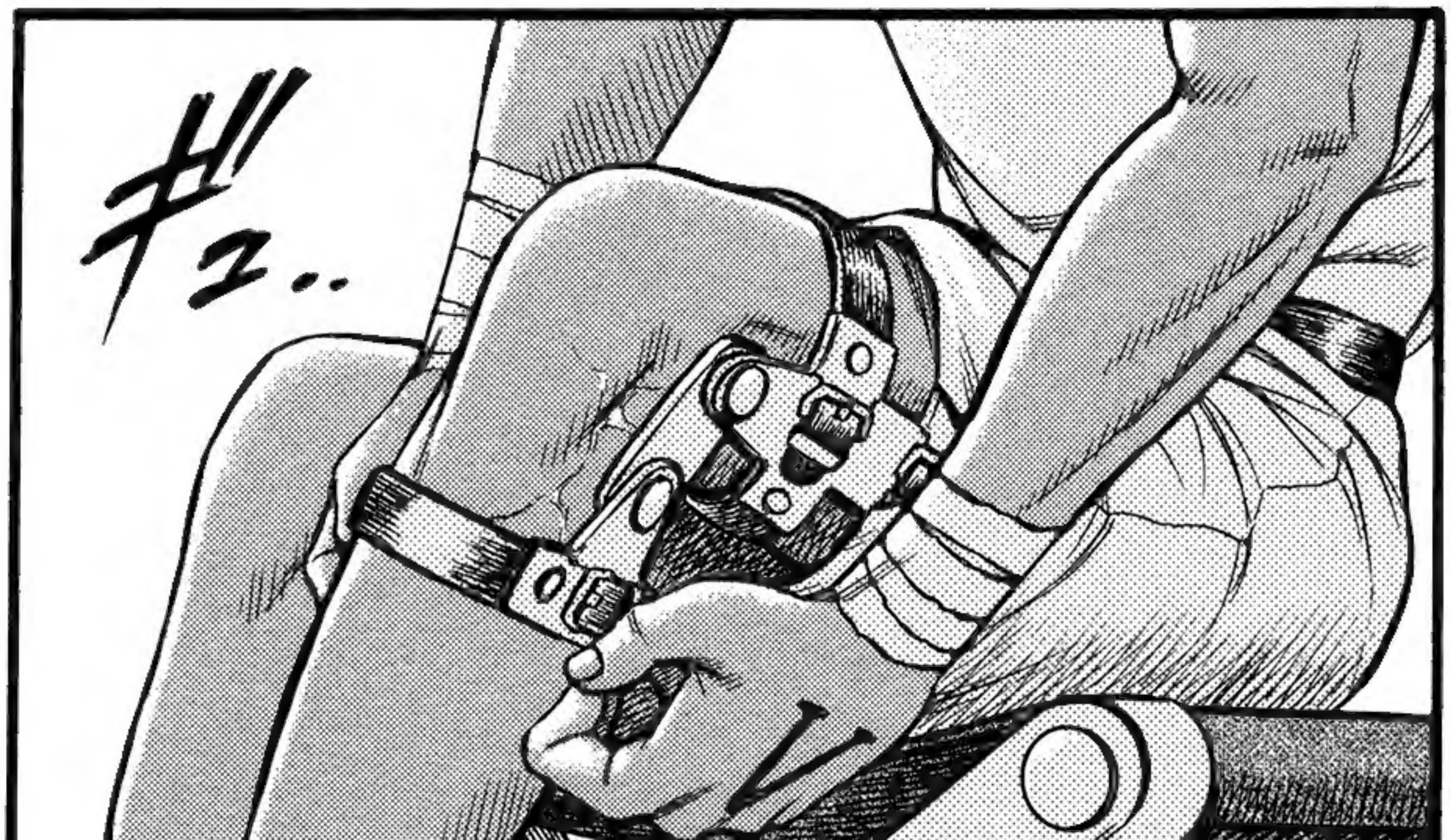
CHAPTER LXXI: DAYBREAK

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NOT A BAD WAY TO WAKE UP...

NOT A BAD MORNING EITHER...

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE I LAST WAS ABLE TO GREET THE MORNING...

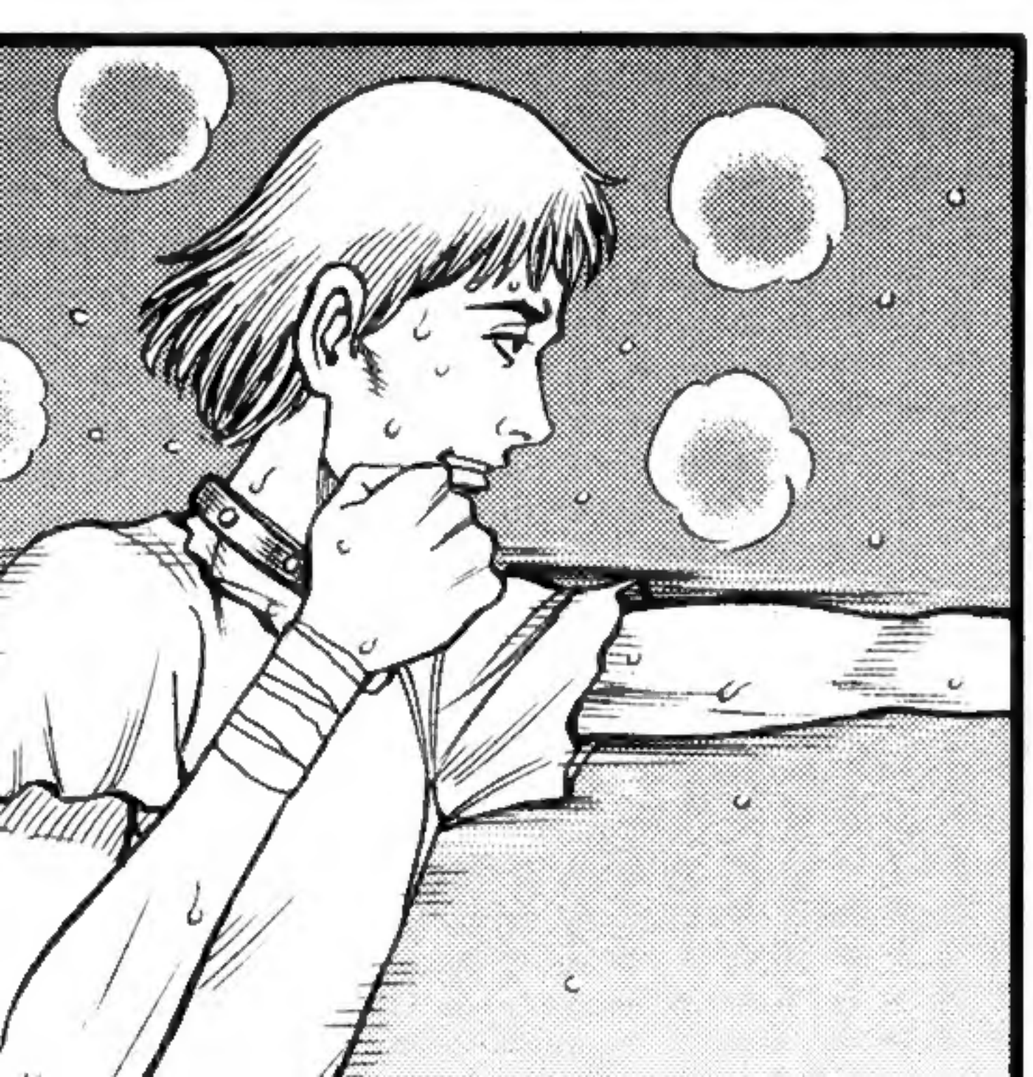
SO PEACEFULLY?

THERE'S A CERTAIN PURENESS TO THIS WHICH YOU CAN NEVER FIND WHILE IN ACTIVE DUTY.

IT'S GOOD FOR THE GROWTH OF YOUNGSTERS TO ACTUALLY FIGHT OTHERS.

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT I OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD GATHER PUPILS AND ACT THE TEACHER.

IT'S SAID THAT LIFE IS AN UNPREDICTABLE, WINDING PATH...



I WONDER WHAT MASTER WOULD THINK IF HE KNEW...

KEEP ON AT IT, LET ME SEE.

IT SHOWS A GOOD ATTITUDE TO CARRY OUT EARLY MORNING PRACTICE OF YOUR OWN ACCORD.

YOU'RE UP AWFULLY EARLY TODAY AREN'T YOU HERNANDO?

AH!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

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G... GOOD MORNING MASSSTER!

I FIGURED THERE WAS NO POINT LETTING THAT "REACTION" JUST VANISH.

IT WAS LIKE I JUST COULDN'T REALLY SSSIT STILL...!

I JUST HAPPENED TO WAKE UP EARLY TODAY.

BUT I STILL HAD THE FEELING FROM YESTERDAY IN MY FISTS.

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IT MIGHT WELL BE THE TRIGGER FOR A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN HIS LIFE TO COME!

I TOO CAN RECALL THAT STATE OF MIND!

IT WAS A SMALL WIN, YET IT HELD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

IS THAT SO...

MM, I UNDERSTAND.

SOMETHING WHICH WE SHOULD BY ALL MEANS KEEP WITH HIM.

HE MIGHT WELL HAVE UNEXPECTEDLY EXPERIENCED SUCH A CHANGE.

IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SOME TO FIND THEMSELVES AWAKENED WITH THEIR FIRST VICTORY.

ALRIGHT!

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THUS I TOO HAVE TO KEEP ON PRACTICING TO GET STRONGER!

THOSE THREE ARE GOING AT IT AND SLOWLY GETTING BETTER...

AS THINGS ARE I'VE BEEN NO MATCH FOR THEM...

THEY'RE INCREDIBLE FOES WHO CONTINUE TO EVOLVE!

I'M SURE THEY'LL HAVE KEPT ON IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS!

I FEEL AS THOUGH, IN THIS INTERVAL, THEY'LL BE GRADUALLY OPENING THE GAP BETWEEN US...

I'M WORRIED. I CAN'T BEAR THIS CONCERN AND UNEASE!

MASTER!

YOU SHOULD HAVE NO NEED TO FEAR FIGHTERS THE SAME AGE AS YOU.

IF YOU SIMPLY FOCUS AROUND THE LEFT-RIGHT STRIKES YOU DID YESTERDAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO OVERWHELM THEM WITHOUT QUESTION.

I'LL TEACH YOU STEP BY STEP HOW TO USE YOUR RIGHT TOO.

FOR REALSSS?!

BUT I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN A NUMBER OF SKILLS YOU COULD TRY OUT.

IT'D BE NO USE FOR CESTVS.

AH.

SO YOU'RE UP.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TWO?

CEST-VS.

WHAT DID HE MEAN WHEN HE SAID I WAS NO GOOD...?!

EH...

ERM, WHAT?

I... I GUESS THEY'D STILL BE ASLEEP...?

I DON'T KNOW...

AREN'T YOU ALL UP TOO EARLY?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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HEY I'M UP.

WELL GO AND BRING HIM HERE GETTY!

YES... FAST ASLEEP.

IS PEDRO STILL IN BED?

THE SUN'S ALREADY RISING...

TICKLING HIM WOULD BE QUICKESSST.

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THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY MORNING PEOPLE MASTER...

DIFFERENCES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SHOW...

I'LL GO AT ONCE.

AL-RIGHT.

IS IT MY SHORT SIZE...

DOES IT MEAN THE LIMITS TO MY STRENGTH ARE ALREADY IN SIGHT.

IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY MASTER...?!

SO AS ALWAYS, WE HAVE TO PICK WHO FROM THE VETERANS'LL BE RETIRING!

NOOOW THEN, WE'VE JUST ABOUT MANAGED TO FINISH THE NEWCOMER SELECTION...

WE'VE NOT THE ROOM FOR WORN OUT PEOPLE WHO CAN'T FIGHT.

YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE A TRAVELLING ACT.

AT HEART OUR AIM IS TO SELL GENUINE COMBAT!

THOUGH SAYING THAT, IT WOULD BE TOO CRUEL TO JUST EXILE THEM.

WIN, AND ALL IS WELL. LOSE, AND THATS IT!

AS IS CUSTOM, WE'LL HAVE A GALLANT MATCH TO SETTLE THINGS.

WANT ME!

BOSS YOU CAN'T...

I AIN'T THE ONE WITH BAD EYES.

WOULDN'T YOU SAY NOW'S ABOUT THE RIGHT TIME?

AREN'T YOU WORN DOWN ALL OVER?

COME ON OUT MONSON!

WELL WE'VE ONLY ONE CHOICE.

DON'T JOKE AROUND!

I CAN STILL FIGHT ON!

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CESTVS, YOU'LL BE FACING HIM!